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Two Nominate For Council Election

Two residents have nominated for the extraordinary council election at Altona on Saturday, December 16.

Mr. Robert Harrison of 40 Grieve Highway is the endorsed A.L.P. candidate and Mr. Harry Weaver residing at the corner of Queen Street and Millers Road is the Ratepayers' candidate.

The election is to fill the vacancy which followed the tragic death of Cr. McIntosh.

Voting is compulsory. Postal votes are available.



MR. ROBERT HARRISON

Mr. Harrison, aged 31 years, has spent all his life in the district.

He is an assistant Supply Manager of BALM Paints Ltd., and on completion next year of a five year managerial course at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology will assume greater responsibility in the company.

A foundation member of the Altona Cricket Club formed in 1962 Mr. Harrison is at present the social secretary.

As a special interest he encourages young cricketers and the training of junior teams. He is married with three young children.



MR. HARRY WEAVER

Mr. Harry Weaver has spent 30 of his 38 years living in Altona.

A successful builder with sixteen years experience in building management he is married with three children.

He is vice-president of the Altona District Hospital Board of Management, a foundation member and past president of Altona Apex, past president of the Altona Historical Society, and a member of the Altona Working Men's Club.

He is an ex-hockey player who now coaches a school junior hockey team.

DRIVE YOURSELF BOATS

Motor boating on a drive yourself basis will be possible at a field day at the Altona Pier next Sunday, December 10.

Various modern motor boats will be demonstrated by Circle Marine, of Churchill-st., North Williamstown.

An opportunity will be given any interested adult to test a boat's efficiency by driving solo. This privilege will not be extended to children.

Given fair weather, this attractive display of modern boats will be of interest both to participants and onlookers.

OBITUARY

A very respected elderly citizen, Mrs. Lily Woods, has passed away at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Woods and her late husband had a farm at Sunbury, but after his death she became a more frequent visitor to Altona and finally a permanent resident with her daughter, Mrs. Erikson, of 117 Esplanade.

She is survived by her daughter Jean (Mrs. Erikson), sons Gordon, Harold and Theo, grand children Patricia (Mrs. Matthews) and Syd and great grand child Dale.

FREE RAT CONTROL SERVICE

The Shire council wants to publicise its rat control service.

The senior health officer, Mr. J. Mellors says it does not appear to be generally known that the council provides a free service in the eradication and control of rats.

"I feel sure if more residents co-operated by requesting assistance and advice on rodent control this problem would be rapidly overcome.

For effective rat control, garbage and food scraps should be in vermin-proof containers."

Rail Carriages

"Museum Exhibits"

The Newport-Altona line train carriages are worthy of being museum exhibits said Mr. W. L. Floyd, MLA for Williamstown in State Parliament recently. Of even more interest to Altona was his advocacy of the rail extension to Westona. Speaking on the Railway Loan Bill he said:

"I commend the Department for keeping the trains uniform and not running a conglomeration of different carriages on the one train. But, I direct attention to the situation existing on the Williamstown line, and more particularly to the train running between Newport and Altona. No doubt service has not been given in this area because there has been a Labor representation for many years and the Liberal Party has no hope of winning the seat.

"It took years and years to have an overpass built at Newport. The people need not go to the Museum to see something antique; they should travel to Newport and see the 'wagon train' which runs between Newport and Altona—it is worth looking at. It consists of three or four carriages of different types; no cushions are provided, windows are broken and some of the carriage doors will not shut.

"I recall in my younger days going to the Zoo and seeing a horse-drawn tram. The 'wagon train' at Newport is more unique. It is a standing joke with travellers, and when I travel on the train I have to put up with the joke.

"I do not expect the Minister to effect improvement because I have spoken on the subject; he will not do so because there seems to be some vendetta about it. Surely it would be good public relations to improve the train on this line and also provide a better type of carriage on the Port Melbourne, St. Kilda and Reservoir lines.

"There is a continuing proposition before Parliament, al-

though no action has yet been taken on it. The Public Works Committee has recommended the extension of the Altona railway line to a new station to be named Westona. In the near future, in its benevolence, the Government may authorise the construction of that extension to the Altona line. The work recommended by the Public Works Committee was estimated at a cost of \$296,000. I ask the Minister of Transport to inform the Committee whether consideration can be given to the construction of the Westona line.

"The population in the area is growing quickly; it has already risen to 26,000. It seems incongruous that the Government is to spend \$135,000 on a railway line which is the subject of a Bill before Parliament, but is taking no action on the recommendation made by the Public Works Committee in 1963. It is obvious that, as the total allocation made by this Bill for the construction of railway lines is only \$175,000, the extension of the Altona line to Westona is being pushed into the background. There should be a balanced development of the railway system. The Public Works Committee spent a great deal of time and effort in hearing evidence and compiling its report on the extension to Westona, and the Government should seriously consider implementing the report.

"Even in the remainder of its term, the Government may have a change of heart and decide to extend the railway from Altona to Westona, but there is not enough money allocated by this Bill to allow that to be done."

FIRST CITIZENSHIP AWARD



MR. BARRY PRISMALL

The first Citizenship Award by Altona Council will be made at the Council meeting next Monday night.

It will be presented to Mr. Barry Prismall of Millers Road by the Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee. Many of Mr. Prismall's friends from the Elderly Citizens Club are expected to attend and witness this honour.

Mr. Prismall's name will be recorded on a plaque in the Council chamber.

POLICE REQUEST WATCH ON PHONES

Altona police have asked people to keep a close watch on public telephone boxes and telephone D24 immediately they see any acts of vandalism.

D24's telephone number is 34 999.

They will immediately send a car to the scene.

D24 is the nerve centre of the police radio control car network.

It is located on the sixth floor of the Russell St. police headquarters.

The request follows statements by the PMG that it would find it difficult to erect more street telephones boxes if the present rate of vandalism on the present boxes did not ease.

The council, shocked by this suggestion, asked Altona police to comment on the PMG's claim.

The Altona police station officer replied:

"I am unable to comment on the alleged vandalism to public telephones in the manner you request, due to having received insufficient details of the incidents referred to, by the PMG's Department.

All the public telephones in the Altona Police sub-district are within view of private dwelling houses, but there has been only isolated reports by the general public in regard to suspected acts of vandalism concerning these telephones.

At this stage, the best suggestion I can offer is that local residents telephone D24 immediately they see offenders committing acts of vandalism, and, if possible, keep the offenders under surveillance until the arrival of a Police mobile unit."

OVERSEAS VISITOR TO ELDERLY CITIZENS' CLUB



Miss Margery Bucke of London stands outside the Altona Elderly Citizen's Club with Mr. J. Sutton, president and Mrs. Edwards (centre) secretary of the club's social committee.

Miss Bucke is secretary of the National Old Peoples Welfare Council for the United Kingdom. She came to Australia to attend the annual meeting in Canberra of the National Old Peoples Welfare Council of Australia.

Now she is visiting elderly citizens clubs in Victoria, Tasmania, N.S.W., Queensland and Western Australia.

Accompanying Miss Bucke to Altona were Miss Sybil Irving and Miss Patricia Chomley, both consultants of the Old Peoples Welfare Council of Victoria.

POPULAR FAMILY LEAVING ALTONA

Mr. Reg Logan, ex-Altona shire president, and his popular wife, Muffie, have sold their Pier-st. property and will be leaving the district in mid-January.

With their youngest daughter, 13 year old Christine, and young son, Stephen, nearly two, the Logans will be moving to Forster, 200 miles north of Sydney.

Seventeen years ago with their four daughters, Beth and Helen, they came from Queensland to live in Altona.

Chief engineer of Ansett Airways in Cairns, Mr. Logan had been transferred to Melbourne. However, soon after his arrival he opened a greengrocery business in Pier-st. (next door to the National Self-Service).

Later he established an estate agency and afterwards built the shops, office and dwelling at 58 Pier-st.

Several years ago he sold his interest in the estate agency which more recently was acquired by Farnbach, Burnham and Co.

Mr. Logan first entered the local government sphere when elected a councillor to represent Altona Riding on the Werribee Shire Council.

He was one of the original group which started working towards severance of Altona from Werribee.

After severance was achieved and the Shire of Altona was proclaimed in May, 1957, he became the first councillor to be elected to the first Altona Shire Council.

In August, 1958, he became the third president of the shire.

He was re-elected for a further term of office in August, 1959, but because of health problems resigned in November, 1960.

Mr. Logan is an ex-president of the Altona District Hospital Board of Management and for many years has been a Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Logan is well-known to many ex-students of Altona and Seaholme Primary Schools.

On arrival in Altona she agreed to take a temporary two weeks teaching appointment. She stayed nine years.

A keen golfer, Mrs. Logan will be missed by her many friends at Koorringal Golf Club.

Beth, the eldest daughter, returns from a 12 months overseas holiday on January 2.

After touring Europe she is at present on a bus tour of the United States.

Big plans are being made in America for a special Christmas dinner for Beth.

She will spend the day with her mother's pen friend of 35 years. The two women have never met.

There is great excitement in the home of the American pen friend as they prepare to meet the eldest daughter from Australia.

Next year Beth, also a teacher, will take up an appointment at Campmeadows School.

Two days after Beth's return the second daughter, Helen, sails for overseas on the start of a world tour.

The freehold of the Logan property has been purchased by Mr. F. Kerambrun, managing director of F. & L. Vesta Pty. Ltd.

EDITORIAL

The Candidates

Two Altona citizens are aspirants for the position of Altona councillor left vacant by the death of Cr. S. McIntosh.

They have shown by their nomination, their willingness to serve and to sacrifice time and other interests to Altona.

We hope that ratepayers will give them the deep and just consideration that their action deserves.

In choosing which of these men will be most fitting to serve Altona on the Council electors should have but two considerations. Firstly, their knowledge of each man. Each is an Altona resident. To what extent are they known — by their life, their work, and their associations. They are seeking positions as councillors. How far already has each shown himself fitting?

Secondly, their ideas and beliefs as to Altona's needs and to the way in which they should be met. No doubt these will be forthcoming from each candidate.

These two are now before the electors. What they could be as councillors is largely dependant on what they have been as ratepayers.

Cr. A.W. Knight Speaks on New Stamps Bill

Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, made some pertinent remarks in his speech on the new stamps bill before State Parliament. He said—

"I desire to know whether the purchase of school uniforms for children attending Government schools will be taxable under this Bill, and also whether purchases of school books from schools will be subject to the receipt duty.

"I also ask whether amateur sporting bodies will be classified as charitable organisations. In this connection, I do not refer to the Victorian Cricket Association, the Victorian Football League or the Soccer Association, but to sporting bodies such as district cricket and football clubs. Will these bodies be exempted from the payment of duty?

"There are also local progress associations whose members pay a fee in an endeavour to ensure that an area develops in line with the ideals of the association. Will these associations be classified as charitable organisations? In the Melbourne West Province there are many organisations which could be affected by the provisions of this Bill.

"In various areas there are private kindergartens which are not making much profit but are providing a service for the community. Certain church organisations run child-minding centres which are not under the control

of the Department of Health and could not be classified as charitable. Perhaps the Minister will clarify these points when the Bill is being considered in Committee.

"My colleagues have referred to co-operative housing societies. The Government cannot take credit for exempting these societies, because when the measure was being considered in another place (Legislative Assembly), the Opposition member who was in charge of the measure in the Assembly suggested that co-operative housing societies should be exempt from the duty. The Chief Secretary intimated that the Bill would be amended when it was transmitted to the Legislative Council.

"I also make a plea on behalf of co-operative credit societies. The Government should consider exempting these societies because they are doing a good job in the communities, especially in working-class areas. They have played a great part in enabling people to avoid paying exorbitant rates of interest on loans. I ask the Minister to answer the points I have raised when the Bill is being considered in Committee."

Council Backs Fight Against House Fly

The Altona Shire Council is again backing Melbourne's fight against the common house fly.

It has agreed to contribute \$228 towards the campaign.

This is the same figure as previous years.

The amount was recommended by the council's general purposes committee.

The campaign to eradicate or keep down the flies is conducted throughout Melbourne during summer.

In the committee meeting, Cr. Grant asked whether the council got value for its contribution.

Cr. Den Dulk stated that during the first and second years of the Fly campaign, value was received from the entire metropolitan area. Much of the success in the Municipality had been obtained because of various prizes which had been awarded and contests which had been conducted.

He was reluctant to recommend further Council contribution. He considered that if the council does not take an active part in the campaign then its contribution would be wasted and that it would be much better if the council undertook its own campaign.

Cr. Burns asked whether all councils in the metropolitan area are participating in the campaign.

Cr. den Dulk replied that approximately seven did not participate during the first year and to his recollection fourteen did not participate during the second year.

Cr. Crofts asked the Senior Health Inspector to comment on the matter.

The Senior Health Inspector stated that if the council did not participate in the campaign it would in his opinion, be a wrong step.

It would indicate a lack of interest on the part of the council which would be reflected in the approach by ratepayers to this problem.

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, December 10, St. Luke's Church of England, Altona North, will hold a special Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. to celebrate the anniversary of all those who have been confirmed from St. Luke's.

A number of adults who have been confirmed this week will make their first Communion at this service.

Any Anglicans who were Confirmed from the Altona North district before it was made a parish are particularly invited to come. The Preacher will be our Archdeacon, the Venerable Robert Dann.

Coffee will be served in the Hall after the service, and the Archdeacon looks forward to the opportunity of renewing his acquaintance with many people in Altona North.

Sunday School will begin as usual at 11 a.m., and this will be the last meeting of classes for the year.

Children will have a Break-up on Saturday 16th, at 2 p.m., and take part in the 9.30 a.m. service on Sunday, 17th December, when the Christmas Crib will be blessed and an offering made for needy children through the Inter-Church Aid fund.

Crs. Crofts and Bond moved "that the council support the Fly Campaign Committee and contribute the \$288.00 which has been allocated to it as in previous years."

The motion was carried.

Church Notices



BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.
Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.
Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.
11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.
2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.
7 p.m.: Evening Service.
Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's
Confessions,
Railway Street, Altona.
Masses:
Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.
Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.
Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.
First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.
Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.
Rev. Father M. Kelleher,
Father V. Rubeo,
St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona, Telephone 65-8964.
St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona, Telephone 65-8686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.
Masses,
Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.
Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.
Confessions,
Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.
Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.
Masses,
Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Confessions,
Saturday: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Rev. Father J. Kierce, PP, Rev. Father M. Sultana, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's
Queen Street, Altona.
VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services,
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).
Matins (second and fourth Sundays).
7 p.m.: Evensong.
Sunday School,
Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

St. Clement's

Goble Street, Laverton.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., Parish Eucharist.
First Sunday in the month: Family Service.
VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

St. Luke's CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.
Holy Eucharist.
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.: Holy Communion.
Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Sunday School (primary): 11 a.m.
Junior Group (secondary): Tuesdays, 4.15 p.m.
VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone, 391-3096.

MARTIN LUTHER CONGREGATION MELBOURNE

25 The Broadway, Altona.
Welcomes you to Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.
MINISTER—Pastor H. Blasius Telephone 391-2609.

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.
Sunday,
Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.
Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.
Sunday,
11 a.m.: Divine Worship.
MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)
3 p.m.: Divine Worship.
MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.
Sunday Services,
9.15 a.m.: Young Church (the children leave for graded Sunday lessons after opening Worship).
10.30 a.m.: Divine Worship.
11.30 a.m.: Senior Youth Christian Education Group.
Thursdays,
7.45 p.m.: Adult Christian Education and Intercessory Prayer Group.
MINISTER—Rev. John Haysey, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.
League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.
MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Dram, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona.
Civic Parade, Altona.
Sunday,
8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting.
9.30 a.m.: Sunday School—Combined Sunday School at the Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday,
11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting, Queen Street Hall.
7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting, Queen Street Hall.
Tuesday,
2 p.m.: Bible Study Class.

Wednesday,
3.30 p.m.: Children's Club (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday,
2 p.m.: Women's Home League, Captain Ada E. Warhurst, telephone 398-1750.



ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 —

CLUB DANCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 —

HAPPY HIPPIE NITE

Associates Section Christmas Break-Up

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 —

BOWLS PRESENTATION AND SOCIAL NIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 —

BIRTHDAY DANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 —

CHRISTMAS PARTY DANCE

Mrs. Johanson's Band — Prizes — Novelties



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Joan Pamela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Griffiths, of 11 Seaholme Avenue, Seaholme, to John James Wisely (RAN), son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Shoemith, of Mitchell's Island, Taree, N.S.W., will be celebrated at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, Queen St., Altona, at 4.30 p.m. on December 9.

"Mother Goose in Fairyland"

The Children's Pantomime Theatre will present "Mother Goose in Fairyland" at the Cathedral Hall Theatre, Brunswick-st., Fitzroy, from Boxing Day, December 26, until Saturday, January 6. Matinees daily at 2 p.m.

The Children's Pantomime Theatre was recently formed by an enthusiastic group of young actors and entertainers. Its purpose is to present a wide range of pantomimes and plays exclusively for children.

During the first three performances of "Mother Goose in Fairyland" children from Melbourne's many orphanages, homes and institutions, will be entertained as special guests.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S WIVES GROUP

There was plenty of lively discussion at the Annual Meeting held on Nov. 14 and the new Committee is as follows:—

Joint Secretaries:—Shirley McKenna, Jean Klampfle; Treasurer: Kate Anthony; Committee: Robin Lawley, Anne Lynch, Joyce McGuckian, Anita Taylor, Marj. Duckett.

The Vicar re-appointed Mrs. Margaret Barrow Leader and Shirley King Deputy Leader.

The December meeting will be held in the Parish Hall next Tuesday 12th, at 8 p.m. It will take the form of a Christmas Party to which members, past members and part-time members are urged to come and join in the fun.

Members are asked to bring two plates of supper to cater for our visitor. The "Bring a Gift, Receive a Gift" to the value of 20 cents remains the same as in previous years.

Invitations have been extended to the ladies of the Migrating Hostel and we expect to have quite an international guest list.

All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

LOCAL GIRL WILL BE SEEN ON TV

Twelve year old Lynne-Maree Evans of Civic Parade, Altona, will be appearing in the talent quest segment of "Brian and the Juniors" on Channel 7 next Sunday, December 10, at 5 p.m.

Lynne-Maree has sung at a number of local functions including nights at the Altona Working Men's Club and the Elderly Citizens Club.

On Sunday she will sing "The Whistling Gypsy." Her teacher is Miss Liddy of Flemington.

NATIVITY SCENE AGAIN

Generated by public interest, the Administration of the Memorial Park, Geelong Road (situated at the ninth milepost), has again produced the Nativity scene.

This setting has been designed to appeal to both young and old and the excitement that it has created for the younger ones is evidenced by the letters received at the Park's office. This is the fourth year of the exhibition and many thousands of people have already viewed it.

Each year some additional item has been added, and this year is no exception. The whole is displayed on a specially landscaped section of lawn in the Park.

Approaching the stable one sees the three wise men mounted on camels passing an authentic water well of biblical times. Then comes a rugged ox cart laden with sheaves of hay.

The stable is shared by Mary, the Infant and Joseph, and also a cow, an ass and two lambs. Two shepherds have come in from the fields, accompanied by the Inn Keeper, to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Shining over the stable is the Star of Bethlehem, whilst in the distance, hovering over the setting may be seen an angel.

The scene is available for public viewing without charge between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m., seven days a week for the whole of December.

It is fully flood lit and seasonal music provides a complementary background.

Cyntila Cosmetics Agent

Mrs. Shirley Kean, of 16 High-st., Seaholme, wishes it known that once again she is taking orders and party bookings for demonstrations of the full range of CYNTILA COSMETICS.

Mrs. Kean is the sole western agent for these exclusive products and may be contacted by ringing 398-1051.

—ADVERT.

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION

A huge paper dragon made by the Grade 1 pupils at Altona West Primary School was a feature of the decorations at the party last Saturday night to celebrate the 21st birthday of their teacher, Miss Joy Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw, of Cambridge-st., Seaholme, gave the party at home for their younger daughter.

The children made the dragon, which was about 10ft. long and 3ft. wide during art classes at school. One inch circles of coloured paper were glued on to the shape of a dragon cut out in brown paper.

The result was so effective that Miss Shaw asked her pupils if she could borrow it for the party.

She also used flowers, butterflies and streamers for decorations. Music was provided by a juke box.

Among the 80 guests were many of Joy's lacrosse friends (she has represented Victoria at Lacrosse), and friends from school and teachers college.

Joy, whose blue linen frock had a pin tucked bodice was presented with the traditional key by her father. The toast was proposed by her uncle, Mr. Eric White.

Her mother catered for the party.

"CINDER'S" COMING

We don't want any children to miss the pantomime but the tickets are selling fast — make sure of yours now.

They will thrill to see Cinderella transformed from her rags to her beautiful ball-gown and they can join in making the magic happen with the help of the Fairy Godmother.

It is only on for two nights—Monday December 18 and Tuesday December 19 at the Civic Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

They will laugh at the antics of the dancing horse, Widow Twankey and her two ugly daughters, Simple Simon "helping" in the kitchen.

They will delight at the dancing and joining in the songs — they will wonder at the pumpkin when it is changed into Cinderella's coach — they won't want to miss it.

It is pleasing to note that some members of two other local organisations — namely the Music Society and the Square Dancing Group — are participating in this production, and their talents will add to the many highlights.

Accordian Band Has Christmas Break-up

The Altona Accordian Band, under the leadership of Mr. Fred Manning, held their final get-together for 1967 on Friday, December 1, at the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona.

This took the form of a break-up party. The night proved a great success and was well attended by members and their families.

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, and Mr. Peter Pearce both spoke about the excellent work being done by Mr. Manning in bringing the band up to its present standard. A presentation was made to Mr. Manning by Thomas McKinney on behalf of the members of the band in appreciation of the tireless effort and time given in conducting the band, and also for teaching theory on Tuesday nights.

Lessons will resume again on February 9, and new members, young and old, will be welcome. For further information ring 65-8970, or call at Fred Manning's Bike and Musical Shop in Queen-st., Altona.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S STREET STALL

St. Eanswythe's Ladies' Guild will hold a street stall in Pier Street on Saturday, December 9.

Ladies are asked to leave their contributions for this stall, at Altona Toyland.

MADAM MAWER'S SCHOOL

Piano playing, piano accordian, electric chord organ and pop singing. Full particulars may be obtained by phoning 391-1667 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Children and adults catered for. Fees payable by lesson or in advance if desired. Private tuition.

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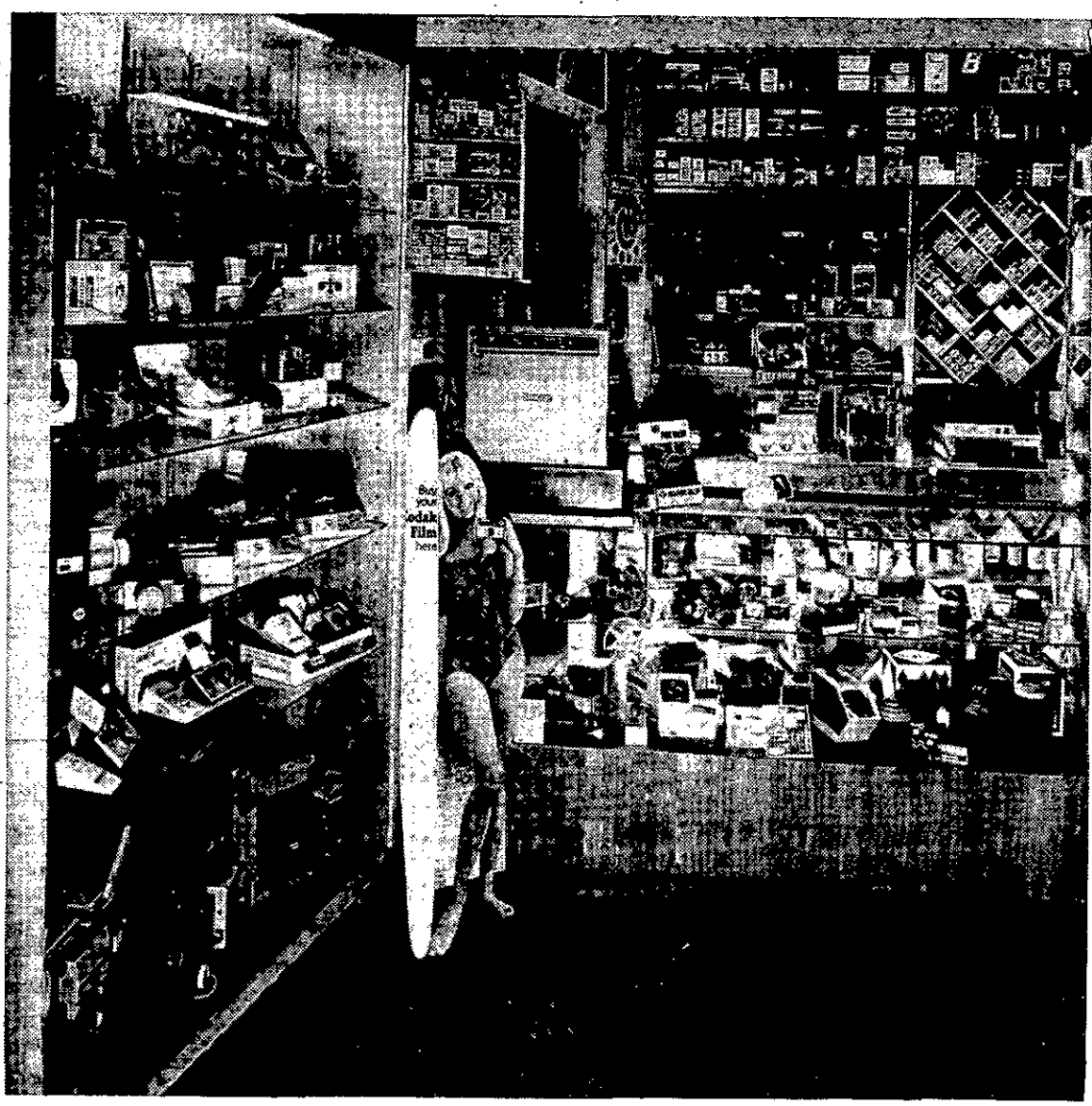
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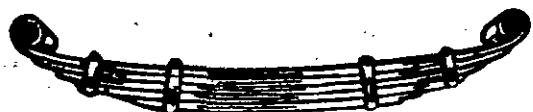
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The Health Inspector Reports

The Altona Shire Council is contemplating "cracking down" on the keeping of horses in Altona.

"The keeping of horses is a troublesome matter," the senior health inspector, Mr. J. Mellors, told the council's general purposes committee. He said:

"At all times, the Health Department is maintaining a surveillance of hazards which could upset the amenity of the area from any disagreeableness point of view during the summer."

"I must warn that appropriate action will be taken by a stringent interpretation of health regulations and council by-laws in every case. The keeping of horses is a troublesome matter and strict attention will be given to the fact that manure must be disposed of properly."

The Senior Health Inspector referred particularly to the S.E.C. Briquette Depot and advised that approximately half of the residents in the area had replied to circulars which had been distributed regarding the dust nuisance from the depot.

He pointed out that considerable canvassing of residents to obtain statements had been undertaken and initially had been met with a good deal of apathy.

However, some statements had been obtained which Mr. McGrath, Q.C. considered suitable.

Other statements were now being obtained.

The Senior Health Inspector pointed out that due to the work involved and the apathy shown by the residents, collection of statements had been discontinued during the winter and recommenced again approximately one month ago.

The residents now appeared to be more ready to assist the council.

Cr. Bond reported that the Shire President and himself had visited the area last week-end to inspect a particular property and had observed briquette dust throughout the house.

They had toured the area and many houses were being put up for sale. He was unable to understand the Senior Health Inspector's statement that the residents were apathetic when at the same time they are continually approaching the council to do something about the problem.

Cr. Lynch stated that he had also inspected the area and observed the amount of dust being emitted from the depot.

The Senior Health Inspector reiterated his previous remarks regarding the apathy in the area, but that some statements were now being obtained.

It was agreed that the Senior Health Inspector continue to collect evidence from residents in the area.

Cr. Grant asked whether another sampler would be of any assistance and the Senior Health Inspector replied that this was unlikely.

Cr. Grant then enquired whether the Senior Health Inspector had been in touch with the S.E.C. regarding the use of water to keep the dust down.

The Shire secretary reported that the Board would not permit water to be used for this purpose.

It was agreed that the mat-

Presentation to Spastic Centre

A fully automatic clothes dryer and an electric clock were presented last week to the Chis-Lon Spastic Centre by Mesdames Lorna Weaver, Beryl Brown and Lesley Carroll on behalf of the ladies of Astron.

Astron members are all the wives of Altona Apexians.

The group meets regularly, but is not a fund raising organisation.

At the end of each year money received from subscriptions and the one or two functions held during the year is donated to charity.

Last year the ladies gave Chis-Lon two portable typewriters.

ter be made an Order of the Day for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee at which a further review of the situation would take place.

Cr. Lee then suggested that the Senior Health Inspector should keep the council informed of any problems incurred such as the apathy of the residents and of any action which he takes involving a temporary investigation such as this, which is being directed by the Council.

The Senior Health Inspector then asked for authority to be given to him to provide the evidence which had been collected from Mr. McGrath, Q.C.

He was advised by the Chairman that no authority was necessary and that the evidence should be passed on to Mr. McGrath as soon as possible with a request that he advise the Council if its legal position.

He also suggested that if the Health Department finds itself in any dilemma on an investigation of this nature, the council's advice should be sought and where necessary matters can be made the subject of confidential reports to the council.

GARBAGE SPILLED IN STREETS

The shire council is to probe the dropping of garbage onto the roadways of Altona.

The move follows complaints by Cr. Bond and Cr. Crofts that the garbage collectors were dropping the garbage from their trucks.

The committee and the council have decided to take up the matter with the garbage contractors immediately.

In the committee meeting, Cr. Bond stated that he wished to lodge a complaint regarding garbage collectors in Clematis Avenue.

He advised that the practice was to remove the lid from the garbage bin, throw it onto the nature strip and throw the garbage from the bin up into the truck but in doing so a considerable amount of garbage falls to the road.

In his own case his wife had to sweep the street and some of the garbage on the street in front of his property did not come from his home. The same thing had occurred at at least three other houses in his vicinity, and he suggested that the garbage be requested to appear before the Committee.

Cr. Crofts reported the same thing was happening along the Esplanade in the vicinity of the flats.

Westona Little Athletes Selected

The Westona Little Athletics Club has had 10 of its members selected to represent the Williamstown Centre against Geelong at Geelong on Sunday.

Those chosen were—BOYS: J. Clark, B. Dodd, R. Douglas, N. Totney, G. Rohleder, K. Herbert and P. Wilsner; GIRLS: G. Rohleder, C. Pacifici and K. Vandrangle-rooy.

At last Saturday's meeting the Westona Club had 11 winners and one equal first. The winners were—

Boys' Under-9 100 metres: D. Scholes and B. Spence; Boys' Under-10, 100 metres: C. Pearce, J. Clark and B. Dodd; Boys' Under-10, 400 metres: I. Vandrangle-rooy; Boys' Under-11, 100 metres: M. Pacifici and R. Douglas; Boys' Under-9, high jump: G. Rohleder (equal first).

Girls' Under-9, 100 metres: J. George.

Girls' Under-11, 100 metres: J. Keohane.

Girls Under-12 100 metres, C. Pacifici.

VOTING OR RECORDING?

In a brief period at the polling booth last Saturday week (not in Altona) a couple were noticed to be openly and illegally co-operating in the voting box.

The re-action was not how bad, but how practical.

For here one partner was giving oral instructions, in all other booths voters were following written or printed instructions.

It is clear that most people in Australia followed directions in voting. Few if any were in a position to cast a free and intelligent vote.

Hearts go out to the venture-some few who departed from the party ticket and still achieved valid votes.

Valid votes though something better is required in the election of people to govern Australia than the farce of purporting to place 15 unknown qualities in their correct order.

DRAINS MAY BE HEALTH HAZARD

Altona's drains may become a health hazard if they are not flushed during the summer, the shire's senior health officer, Mr. J. Mellors, says.

Mr. Mellors, in a special report to the council's general purposes committee, said:

"Undoubtedly, during the coming summer, and if the dry weather and water restrictions continue, then there will be a health hazard created by drains in some areas and particularly in the street channels which will not have the usual flushing.

At this stage, I suggest that the Department will keep the matter under surveillance at all times and take appropriate measures to combat any nuisance which may eventuate.

It is fortunate that there are few open drains in the Shire, and these are out-fall drains away from residences."

The Senior Health Inspector stated that drains in the municipality were being inspected at present.

Cr. Grant asked what action was being taken if stagnant water was lying in an open drain.

The Senior Health Inspector stated that with the co-operation of the Engineering Department the street sweeper was used to clean these drains.

Cr. Grant enquired whether disinfectant was used and was advised by the Senior Health Inspector that this practice had been discontinued some time ago.

ANOTHER SAFETY AT WORK AWARD

If we accept the adage "Safety is People" and apply this to the news world truism "People are News" then surely outstanding achievements in accident prevention are "News."

By publishing the fact that a company has an accident prevention program such as the one at Union Carbide, the company is informing the public that it is genuinely interested in its employees' safety. It also indicates its awareness that employees are more than just numbers on the payroll, they are people and "B" shift are the people making news this week because through their active participation in the company safety program, they have achieved over 12 months accident free performance and as a consequence have been awarded the third quarterly award for 1967.

The men of "B" shift selected the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association as the charitable organisation to receive their cheque for \$50.

Mr. Bill Patchett, representing this association, and himself blind, told the men that his own dog had unfortunately died only two days ago and this had made him realise very acutely how he lost limited his mobility.

The question he was most often asked was: "How does the dog know where to go?" and the answer to this was in the simple analogy: "How does your car know where to go? You steer it or in the case of a guide dog you give it directions. The dog is not a super intelligence, but given training can be of immense assistance to a blind person."

Mr. Patchett also spoke on the dedication of the staff of the Association, the trainers, administrative staff and the kennel maids and added in appreciation of the donation, "Your safety record at work is helping to contribute to the safety of blind people going about their work."

The presentation was made on behalf of "B" shift by Mr. M. Ringrow. Members of the shift safety committee were Messrs. G. Sproat (chairman), A. Sargent, F. Kelly, J. Hart, R. Hyland, A. Hall, R. Owen and J. Stone (foreman).

FIRE CAUGHT IN TIME

Tuesday night was rather chilly, so it was no wonder, that Mr. G. Lockwood, of the Esplanade, Altona, was peevish when he was awoken by the milkman at about 3 a.m.

However, his hostility toned down when he was informed that his fence was on fire.

In fact he now wishes to express his grateful thanks for being disturbed in time to save his fence.

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Correspondents' Views

Dear Sir,
Mr. Geoffrey C. Cresser is sadly behind the times with his complaint that America and Australia did not abide by the Geneva Agreements in Viet Nam. In the first place neither America nor Australia signed the 1954 Geneva Agreements, but North Viet Nam and the Communist Bloc did sign. Evidence that the Communist North Viet Nam violated the Agreements by armed aggression against the South is well documented.

The 1962 majority report by the International Control Commission as well as subsequent speeches to the British House of Commons by Labor leaders Harold Wilson and Michael Stewart make this clear.

Mr. Cresser calls the South Vietnamese Government a "Neo-Fascist Dictatorship." It must be pointed out that it is an elected government brought to office by popular vote. On the other hand can anyone name the election that gave President Ho Chi Minh the power to rule in North Viet Nam?

While it is obviously true that in Australia a man can vote for the Communist Party if he wishes, it is also true that the only party he can vote for in a Communist Bloc country is the Communist Party.

The reason for this can be found on Page 61 of Chairman Mao's Little Red Book—

"Every Communist must grasp the truth, political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

Yours faithfully,

PAUL A. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary of Altona branch of the Y.D.L.A.

Dear Sir,
At the request of many ratepayers I am offering myself as a Ratepayer Candidate for the forthcoming extraordinary election on Saturday, December 16.

For the past 30 years I have resided in Altona, and have been interested in, and associated with the progress of this community. I am 38 years of age, married with three children. It is with pride that I state that I conduct a successful building business in the district.

Evidence of my interest in the community can be assessed from the following—

Vice-president of the Altona Hospital Board of Management; Foundation member and president (1964) of the Altona Apex Club;

Also president of the Altona Historical Society in that year; I am a member of the Altona Working Men's Club; And a past player of the Altona Hockey Club;

At present I am a coach of the junior school hockey team and have always been interested in and an active worker for charity.

If elected to council, I believe that from my varied activities I will bring to the council table a broad knowledge of civic affairs, with benefit to Altona. Also, I know the locality thoroughly as most of my work is conducted within the area.

I would be readily available to any ratepayer who may desire to contact me.

Should I be elected to council, I shall perform my allotted tasks according to the dictates of my conscience, in the best interests of Altona.

I am yours faithfully,
HARRY WEAVER.

Dear Sir,

It was interesting to read in last week's edition of our local paper, on the first and second pages, two replies from government departments to letters they had received from the Shire of Altona, dated September 21 and 22.

These items came under two separate headings: "Millers-rd. Level Crossing, PAISLEY" "The SEC Briquette Dump PAISLEY" and in the last paragraph of the letter from the Minister for Fuel and Power he states that the "Commission is very conscious of its responsibilities towards the residents of Paisley by keeping the briquette dust to a minimum."

It seems strange that the area previously known as Paisley is still being used and quoted by various government departments when actually it is non-existent and has been known as Altona North over the past four years!

When the shire councillors look at these two problems again, possibly in the new year of 1968, will they firstly give thought to the much needed overpass, over Millers-rd. crossing, now that the idea of boom gates had been completely knocked on the head!

I would like to suggest to the council that a deputation be presented to the Railways Department and CRB for construction of the overpass, as soon as possible to link up the proposed double highway in and out of Altona.

Also that the Paisley railway station be renamed Altona North for the benefit of ratepayers and visitors.

Secondly, to save further inconvenience to residents and road-users of Altona and Williamstown who reside in and use Mason-st. adjacent to the "Paisley" briquette dump, that councillors from both Altona and Williamstown make positive approaches to the SEC to have all briquettes used at the Newport Power House transported by rail. Especially so now due to the severe water restrictions which will be continuing throughout the summer months.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. SMALL.

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Dear Sir,
Strange how the knockers only start when the elections for council are on.

This fact on its own should convince voters that it is only propaganda. Our council in the few years since the shire was formed has given us results while other older shires are still just giving out promises.

I think K. L. Berrie should be thankful in this time of drought that Irwin Reserve has not been planted with trees.

Better that the money be used to save trees already growing in the shire.

I don't believe we have any need to worry about our lake. When complete it should be a great success.

One has only to know we can have confidence in our councillors and engineering staff.

I bet even the knockers are proud of Altona.

A person does not have to be an old identity to be able to say: "I knew it when it was just . . ." And if that does not prove we have had a progressive council what other proof do you need?

Yours sincerely,
VERA V. WELLS.

Sir,

It is gratifying to read that items on "Operation Beach Clean" which have appeared in your columns and have been reproduced in the "Royal Life Saver" have borne fruit, so much so that the Mayor of Sandringham invited our Shire President Cr. H. W. Lee to give his council the 'low-down' on how it functions.

It is hoped that representatives of other seaside municipalities will also accept the Mayor's invitation to attend so that the idea may spread right around the bay.

The need for this campaign will be more essential than ever, now that soft drink manufacturers have most misguidedly decided to market their products in throw away glass bottles. Up till this year, most glass picked up on the beaches has been brown in colour, but with the advent of the "no deposit" bottles (as the manufacturers so nicely term them) it is not difficult to realise that there will be a great increase in the amount of colourless glass left on the beaches.

This will actually be a greater danger because it will be more difficult to see.

In his Annual Report for 1966/67, the Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society Victorian Branch, Mr. A. E. Pleydell, M.B.E., drew attention to the seriousness of the decision by the manufacturers.

Mr. Pleydell said that the Society's records show that over a period of 5 years, 13,668 people received first aid treatment by Life Saving Clubs, of this number 5,867 were treated for cut feet caused by broken glass and of these 625 had to receive hospital treatment.

Hundreds of other cuts are sustained of course when Life Savers are not on duty and are treated elsewhere.

The numbers would be greater still were it not for the vigilance of Life Savers and our Shire's "Operation Beach Clean" of which the Altona Life Saving Club is proud to have been the instigator in 1960.

In closing sir, I would like to say how much the Editor of the "Royal Life Saver" appreciates your kindness in making available your copy of Life Saving news and for forwarding a copy of "The Altona Star" each week.

Yours, etc.
J. WALL,
Altona Life Saving Club.

AUSTRALIA A TINDERBOX?

Early high summer temperatures this year, following lower than normal winter and spring rains have turned Australia into one vast tinderbox.

Unless the public is made well aware of the situation, the continent could be ready for burning. Mr. Max Ritchie, director in Australia of Combined Insurance Company of America suggests.

"Only twice in living memory have similar conditions existed," he said. "They were the drought conditions of 1938-39 which exploded in Victoria on 'Black Friday,' January 13, 1939, in first which devastated enormous areas and took the lives of 71 people; and the fires of 1951 which, throughout Australia, destroyed some 3,500,000 acres of forest, farm and grazing land.

"Every member of the community should be aware of the danger," Mr. Ritchie said. "Motorists who throw lighted cigarette butts from cars are among the main offenders. Picnickers, careless with their cooking fires are almost equally blameworthy."

Mr. Ritchie outlined a four point plan for the avoidance of fires.

- Motorists should use the ash-trays in their vehicles at all times, and never throw a lighted cigarette from a car;
- Picnickers should carefully cover their fires with soil, before leaving the picnic spot;
- Farmers and other operators of tractors and the like should check for the efficiency of spark arresters or mufflers on the vehicles, and where these are not equipped, see that they are provided; and
- Hikers and campers should exert the utmost care at all times with their fires and cigarettes, and should be especially careful in leaf-filled gullies where bush-fires are most often started.

The Royal Commission appointed in 1939 to inquire into the cause of the "Black Friday" Holocaust in Victoria concluded that the carelessness of man had been directly responsible for the disaster.

"If we are to avoid loss of life and property this summer, every member of the community must observe simple precautions," Mr. Ritchie said.

LEAVE YOURSELF SUFFICIENT TIME

When planning your motoring trip interstate or within Victoria, leave yourself sufficient time.

Many serious accidents during the holiday season are caused by people having too much time and from home and their holiday resort because they have not allowed themselves sufficient time for travelling.

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To avoid fatigue, take a good hour for lunch and make two or three other stops during the day for light refreshments.

Travelling to Sydney along the Hume Highway reckon on two days travel with an overnight stop at, possibly, Gundagai.

If you want to take the more scenic Princes Highway, set aside three days for travel, with overnight stops on the first day at either Orbost or Lakes Entrance and on the second day somewhere between Narooma and Bateman's Bay.

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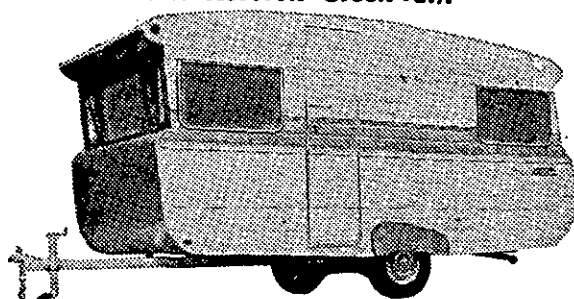
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**TEN TO REPRESENT
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Ten children from St. Mary's were selected to represent the Williamstown Little Athletics Centre at a special meeting with the Geelong Centre on December 10.
Congratulations to those children.
As at last week our Girls were second on the ladder in their section.
The top three teams are:
Westport 47,880 pts; St. Mary's Altona 40,607, Sacred Heart 40,098.
On an average St. Mary's have 50 competitors each Saturday.
Winners on Saturday, 25th November, were:—
Girls 70 Mtrs. —
Y. Camilleri, H. Arnold.
Boys 70 Mtrs. —
G. Sullivan, P. Curran, D. Craig, R. Langan, F. Broadley.
Boys 800 Mtrs. —
S. Burgess.
S. Williams, D. Craig.
Winners for Saturday 2nd December were:—
Girls 100 Mtrs. —
H. Arnold, C. Williams, L. Rose, J. O'Connor.
Girls 50 Mtrs. —
R. Sweeney, L. Boyle.
Boys 100 Mtrs. —
M. Quinn.
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S. Williams.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

A III v Central at Home —
B. Mellington, D. Campbell, A. Angus, L. Hutton, G. Thomas, M. Walker, Emerg.: T. Gunn, K. Walsh.
BII v Newport, Away —
D. White, J. Trickey, G. Russell, S. Morrow, D. Stephenson, M. Orchard, Emerg.: J. Walker, K. Walsh.

— JUNIORS —
(commence 9 a.m.)
Boys Section (2) v Rosamond (Home) —
E. Valente, R. Groves, J. Rosenbaum, A. Findlay, Emerg.: G. Crofts.
Girls Section (1) v Rosamond (Home) —
J. Walker, B. Walker, B. Sandilands, S. Kewon, Emerg.: L. Smith.
Girls Section 3 No. 1 v Altona 3 No. 2 —
L. Smith, J. Critchley, R. Webb, H. Shields, Emerg.: D. Crofts.
Girls Section 3 No. 2 v Altona 3 No. 1 —
D. Crofts, J. Wise, L. Hyde, Y. Robertson, Emerg.: B. Colvin.
Players unavailable please notify Emergencies also Mr. G. Russell, 65 8661.

LIFE SAVING CLUB ACTIVITIES

MEMBERS HONOURED
Last Wednesday, November 29, Mrs. J. Byrne (Altona Life Saving Club Secretary) and Mr. R. Hazeldine (president) were presented with their Associate Membership Awards of the Royal Life Saving Society of Victoria.
The presentation was held at a dinner at the Victoria Hotel.
These awards are given in recognition of services rendered to the Society over three years or more. The club appreciates the work done by these two members over the years and this is why their names were successfully submitted to the Royal Life Saving Society.
Reel and line training started last Wednesday and Thursday nights, November 29 and 30, and all members not yet attending are urged to do so as the Black Rock Carnival will be held on December 17, and the club is anxious to field a strong team. Patrols started last Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3 and members reported a quiet day due to the dull weather.
The poor weather did not stop the club obtaining 45 resuscitation certificates on Saturday, a very good result. The points gained will go towards boosting Altona's total for the year, with points already gained for the survival certificates obtained earlier in the season. Thus, awards gained while teaching members basic facts about life saving also contribute to a point system carried out by the Royal Life Saving Society.
The learn-to swim also started last Saturday and although only seven children were present, the number is expected to grow as the season becomes warmer.
The junior carnival at South Melbourne will be held this Saturday, December 9, commencing at 2 p.m. The bus will leave the clubhouse at about 1 p.m. All junior members are urged to attend.

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Laverton Report

Quite a number of Laverton residents have been only too ready to growl about our postal services, but I wonder how many have taken the trouble to inquire as to how our mail is delivered?

Last weekend I did a little investigating myself and believe me it is not so simple to post a letter, say, in Melbourne, and have it delivered here in Laverton without some forethought and handling.

Firstly, it is sorted in Melbourne before being put into bags, taken to the railway station, railed to Laverton where it is taken to the Laverton Air Base post office for sorting.

After all this handling it would appear that at least it is as good as in your hands.

But this is not so. The areas have to be defined and postal delivery men (the posties) take over. Off he goes on his trusty old bike dodging children, big dogs, small dogs, cars (driven by our own Laverton Brabham's) and an occasional pothole to what is the last leg of the journey. (Sometimes I think he gives them a little shuffle just to break the monotony.)

I spoke to Mr. F. Grist, our postmaster, and he assured me that for a town our size we could not, yet awhile, expect a better service than we are getting, however, we should be getting a new temporary post office shortly.

I inquired from another source and heard (off the cuff) that the lease for occupying temporary post office premises from Dec. 1, 1967, has been signed. So, knowing government departments I should rate a guess that we could have this new service within the month. (I cannot imagine a government department paying out on a lease for any length of time without using the property.)

By the way, I understand the post office in question will be in the shop next to Hoopers (newsagents) in Railway Ave.

The other post office (the official one) will be in Woodst. against the ANZ bank, but this will not be for approximately three years.

On inquiring again from Mr. Grist regarding the temporary post office in Railway-ave. he said: "I can only tell you at the moment that negotiations are under way and I will see if I can get a press release in the next few days."

Asked if he knew anything about the lease being signed, he said: "I'm sorry but I have been sick for a few days and I cannot tell you anything about it yet."

So there it is. A new post office within one month (possibly) and another in about three years, but no sign of a sub-post office at the "Top End."

I still think that we need another telephone box at "Peter's Corner."

I wonder how many residents of Laverton saw the parachutists hopping out of that "Hercules" aircraft on Saturday morning at approximately 6-10 a.m.? What? Not out of bed? "It's the early bird..." etc., etc.

Whilst on the railway station Sunday morning I saw the "vintage train" go through. This special train is booked by railway enthusiasts (don't count me in) and races along at an alarming rate, just for the benefit of these privileged people, through stations, crossings, bridges, etc., to a variety of places.

The one on Sunday morning was on its way to Queenscliff and it's a nonstop special. There are about three or four of these trains kept especially for these occasions and they stipulate STEAM.

I was talking to a railway man at the time it was due through and he looked up and said, "Hello, here comes the 'Historical Society' and sure enough they seemed hysterical to me, too. I suppose they have a right to be considering they pay about twice the normal fare for the privilege of travelling on the old "wheeler" (or what ever they call those old steam trains).

Whilst on the subject of railways, watch out for the grand

opening of the new foot bridge, it's going to be a real humbinger. Apparently a railway worker goes over and removes the sign "Trespassers Prohibited" and that's it. IT'S OPEN. Good, isn't it? This is supposed to be on Dec. 18. Don't miss it, this is our history.

★ ★ ★ ★
Heard that the newly-formed Laverton Air League went to Altona last week and "stole" the cup from the "oldies."

These young boys have only been practising for a few weeks and to give credit where it is due, I would say that a lot off this goes to their OC (drill instructor), Mr. G. Milne. He has put in a tremendous amount of time teaching these lads at night and weekends just to raise them from a bunch of kids to a well-formed squad of "men."

I must say that the boys earned the right to win, too, for I have never heard of a more enthusiastic crowd of youngsters in my life. Credit in full goes to them all.

The cup is now in Laverton and if the boys have anything to do with it, it will remain here.

Now, parents, it's up to you to help these lads along with their studies, and not leave it up to the boy himself to "battle" through. This includes the girls' squad, too.

★ ★ ★ ★

Notice appearing in "daily" newspaper regarding the use of hoses, apparently inserted by the MMBW, says that hoses should be taken off taps as they may be a temptation to the householder to use them.

I was speaking to an "old hand" in fire prevention and he said that he always has and will continue to leave his hose attached to the tap in case of fire.

This was such an excellent idea that I thought I ought to pass it on.

Gives room for thought, doesn't it?

★ ★ ★ ★

I see the MMBW boring machine is down at the oval, but I am told they are NOT boring for water, just checking the strata of the rocks in preparation for sewerage works.

What a disappointment. I thought we were to get a swimming pool quicker than expected.

★ ★ ★ ★
As per usual "Willie the Wag" had a tale to tell when I saw him on Saturday.

This time he swears it's true. It appears that a young "chum" went down to a local riding school for a lesson on horse back type of horse he would like he riding and on inquiring as to the said casually, "Oh, anything you like if he's gentle."

"Oh yes," says the man, "and what sort of saddle would you like?"

"What sort of saddle have you got?" the young fellow asked.

"Well, we've got Aussie saddles and American saddles" was the answer.

"What's the difference?" again asked the YM.

"The Aussie saddle is just a flat one, but the American saddle has a horn on it" said the man.

"In that case I'll take the Aussie saddle" said the young man, "I don't think I'll be going into any traffic today."

(This should bring a bit of an uproar from our English readers. No offence meant of course.)

More next week, PROG.

Guest Preacher at Baptist Church

The Rev. Dr. Leon Morris, Principal of Ridley College will be the Guest Preacher at the Altona Baptist Church this Sunday Evening, December 10, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Morris is Chairman of the Dr. Graham Crusade Committee and comes to us in this capacity. Mrs. Morris, Convenor for Women's Prayer Groups for the Crusade in the Western Suburbs will accompany her husband and also participate in the Service.

We cordially welcome all who are interested and free to attend.

4th Altona Scouts First Investiture

The first investiture ceremony of the 4th Altona will be held at 8 p.m. on December 13 in the 1st Altona hall in Civic Parade.

District Commissioner R. Schutt will officiate.

It is expected that there will be a good muster of scouts from the first Altona group. Parents of all boys are cordially invited.

SCOUTS BOTTLE DRIVE SATURDAY

Again the newly-formed 4th Altona Scout Group and 1st Altona Scouts are combining forces to conduct a monster bottle drive on Saturday, December 9th.

Let us clear your yard of bottles before Christmas — Telephone: 65 8444.

WIN AND LOSS IN SUNDAY BASEBALL

One win and one loss was the result of Newport Baseball Club's round of matches in summer Baseball last Sunday.

The A Team lost for the first time since the opening round and the B Team had its third consecutive win.

A TEAM

Sandringham, a winter A Grade side, proved much too good for Newport and won 7-2.

Brilliant batting and pitching proved Sandringham's place on top of the ladder by no mean order.

Only for Geoff Stonehouse's brilliant outfielding the score would have been much higher.

SAFE HITS: John Maher 2, Harry Douglas 1, Tom Gray 1, Jim Kelly 1 and Geoff Stonehouse 1.

B TEAM

Newport met Montmorency at Newport and after scoring 10 runs in the second dig were very lucky to get up and win 11-9.

With bases full Harry Bunting hit a home run and several other well timed hits scored the 10 runs for Newport in the second inning.

Once again many fielding errors were the results of the other side getting so close to Newport's score. With two hard games coming up before Christmas this team must settle down to have any show of winning against stronger opposition.

SAFE HITS: Harry Bunting (home run) 1, Peter Campbell 1, Alan Duggan 1, Tom Meatcham 1.

NEXT GAMES

Games for Sunday, December 10, are as follows—

A TEAM play Alphington away at 2 p.m. Players to meet at the Masonic Hall, Newport, by 12.30 p.m.

B TEAM play Monash University at the J. T. Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek-rd., Williamstown, at 12.30 p.m. All players to be at the ground by 11.30 a.m.

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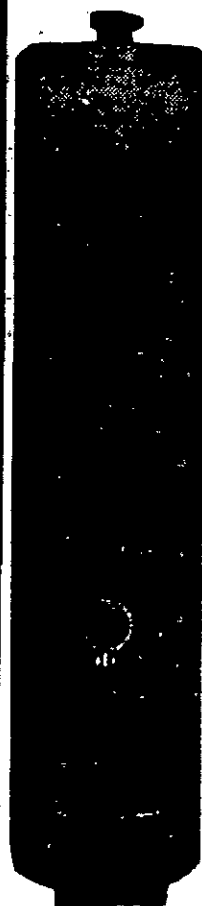
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It is advisable, therefore, to lift and divide the clumps each year. By doing this strong healthy plants are assured where the plants are to be used for garden decoration. They should be set out in their permanent positions during November and December. Any well-dug and well-drained soil will suit the plants.

Do not plant too deeply, and, when planting, firm the soil around the plant by treading it down firmly. The root of the plant is mainly fibrous so that a deep soil is not essential. The plants thrive in a light loam, but a little trouble in making a suitable compost will be well repaid.

A simple and effective fertilizer soil is composed of six parts of rotted sod, one part decayed manure, and one part decomposed leaves, with a 4in. pot of superphosphate or bone dust, together with a sprinkling of lime. Use horse manure in the case of heavy soil, and cow manure with a light soil. While the blooms are opening they need protection from the wind and rain.

As chrysanthemums have fibrous roots only, the waterings need not be heavy. A bucket of

water given twice a week will be sufficient during the hot months.

Sometimes very windy weather will be experienced during March, and care must then be taken to tie the shoots securely and to see that the unfolding flowers do not rub against the stake. Use liquid manure once a week until the end of the month, and remove all shoots that are likely to rob the flowers of any plant food.

Keep a close lookout for caterpillars, which will be feeding on the florets, although a spraying with arsenate of lead early in March will obviate much trouble in this respect, and is a good insurance against caterpillars and similar pests.

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Cr. Burns' Tribute to Cr. McIntosh

By an unfortunate oversight Cr. P. J. Burns' remarks of respect to the late Cr. S. G. McIntosh were overlooked in the "Star."

This was regrettable, the more so as Cr. Burns fittingly epitomised the general opinion of councillors.

They are worth repeating even at this late date.

Cr. Burns said—
"Mr. President, I too would like to pay my respect to the late Cr. McIntosh. I have known Cr. McIntosh for quite some time, but only had the good fortune to be with him in council the last three months, but in council I found Cr. McIntosh to be of a jovial nature and a good nature, but in deliberations, he was firm and strong and I quite understand that the people of Altona generally and the council are at a great loss at the tragic death that happened to him last Saturday night."

McMillan-Edwards Engagement

Guests from Wangaratta, Moe and Yarrowonga attended the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Sherman, Curtin-ert., Altona, last Saturday, to celebrate the engagement of Mrs. Sherman's sister, Rhonda McMillan, to Geoffrey Edwards, of Queen-st., Altona.

Rhonda, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McMillan, of Yarrowonga, wore a frock of red organza with rolled collar and bell sleeves. She is wearing a diamond and sapphire ring.

Geoffrey is a teller at the Altona State Savings Bank.

ELDERLY CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

More than 200 members and guests packed the elderly citizens club for the annual Christmas Dinner last Saturday night.

Most councillors and their wives were present and two visitors from elderly citizens' clubs in nearby suburbs.

Dancing followed the dinner and 12-year-old Lynne-Maree Evans entertained with her singing.

CAMERA CLUB'S CAR RALLY

The car rally held by the Altona Camera Club last Sunday proved an outstanding success. A lot of hard work had gone into the organising, but in view of the fun everyone had it was worth while.

Rally winner was Jim Merrills with Keith Paterson a close second, and Jack Simpson gaining third place.

By request the meeting for this Friday will encompass further portrait work. Those wishing to increase their practical efforts in this field are advised to bring their cameras with them.

No set subject has been given for December since members will be away, but the syllabus now being printed will give the first subject for January, 1968. The club will operate throughout the holiday period for those staying at home.

SUNSHINE R.S.L. WINS CHARITY CUP DARTS TOURNAMENT



Bill Booker, captain of the Sunshine RSL Dart Club, holds the trophy his team received for winning the Elderly Citizens' Charity Cup competition finalised at the Bristol Hotel recently. Standing with him are Mr. K. McNeillage of the Bristol (extreme left), Mr. F. Heard, president of the Williamstown Elderly Citizens' Club and on the right Mr. Ron Loversidge, secretary of the Western Suburbs Summer Dart Competition.

The \$50 raised from the competition was handed to the elderly citizens club.

Family Combination Scores Well in Table Tennis

The Hayes family team from Wren Street, Altona, is this year's outstanding team in the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association.

The award was announced at the Annual Presentation Night held last Saturday night at Tottenham.

Top player of the year is the Victorian player, Ken Holman, who defeated former champion Robert Faust to win his first A grade Singles title in Western Suburbs competition.

Mrs. Lynette Warrior also beat a former champion, Valerie Taylor, to take out the Ladies' Singles Championships.

Valuable trophies, awards and premiership pennants were presented to outstanding players for their achievements during the year.

It is only two years since Gordon Hayes and his family began playing table tennis at the centre in Garden Street, Williamstown.

As raw novices he and 2 sons, Stephens and John, and daughter Helen entered the E grade competition.

The family won the E grade pennant, moved up to D Grade to win again and carry off 2 premierships in two successive seasons.

Helen, now 14 years old, also won this year's Ladies' Singles Handicap.

Twelve year old Stephen won the D Grade singles championship and D Grade Handicap event.

He was runner up in the C Grade Singles Championship and Junior Singles Championship.

Now Stephen and Helen have outclassed their father and brother John.

The two youngsters have been moved up to B Grade and are currently playing with and under the watchful eye of B Grade

Singles player Ron Neville of Sunshine who is now their coach.

Stephen is meeting experienced B Grade men players and beating them.

Meantime Dad, Gordon Hayes, has partnered up with Ron Neville's wife, Joy, and 13 year old daughter, Susan, who play as

a team in the D Grade competition.

Stephen also is a soccer player and is a member of the Altona Junior Soccer team which recently won a premiership pennant.

Helen and Stephen are both students at Altona High School.

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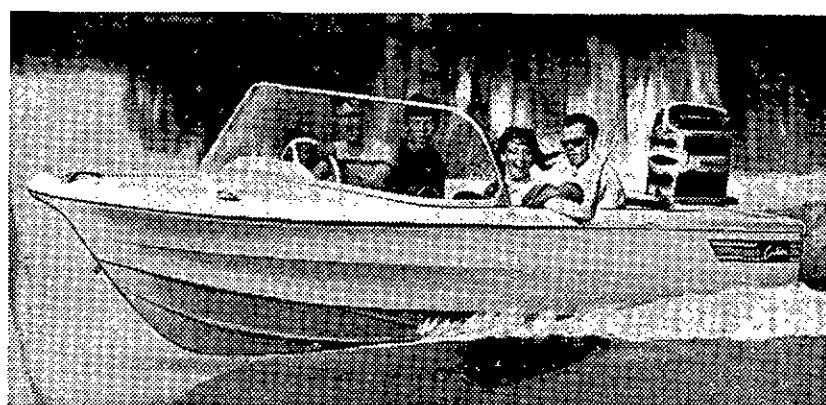
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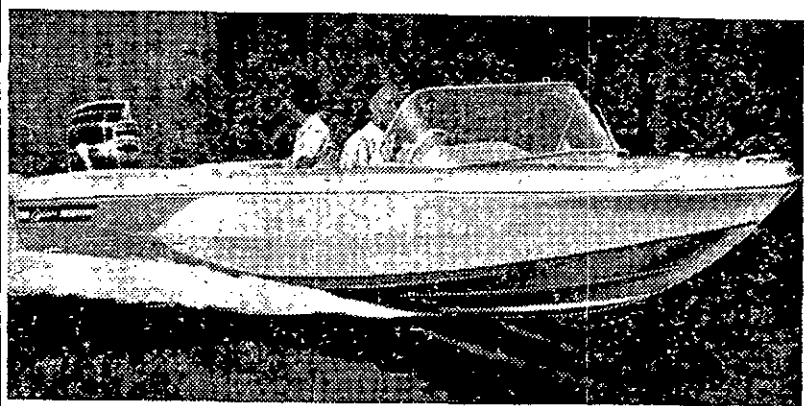
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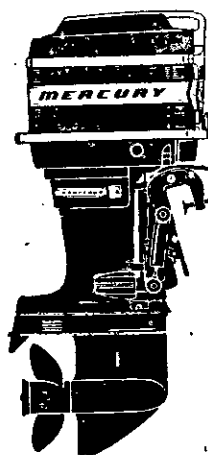
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by RON COLEMAN.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS THIS WEEK

The happening that you have all been waiting for will take place on Saturday night when at least six bands will do battle for the title of Altona's top pop group.

The event, Altona's "Battle of the Sounds," will take place at the Altona Youth Hall (and what better a place for the youth of Altona) featuring groups from Altona, Brooklyn and Newport.

Each group will sing three numbers which will be judged by Pete (Mojo) Yee, the "Bus Stop" compere, and Ray Evans of the Australian Entertainment Exchange.

While the judges are exchanging notes, the guest artist, Chris St. Nicholas, will sing a few numbers. Chris, who comes from Newport, is an accomplished singer and compere.

Following this, the winning group will be announced and the winners of Altona's "Battle of the Sounds" will play for the rest of the night.

The first group will start play-

ing at 8 p.m. and admission to dancers will be 80c. Make no mistake about it, this is a dance as well as a competition.

PRIZES! PRIZES!

The person who wears the most way out gear (excluding group members) to the "Battle" will win Nev's free record.

The first persons at the door will receive free tickets to "Wild Side."

The compere, Pete Lee, will also give prizes to the best dancers.

The winning group will receive \$50 prize money, plus bookings at "Wild Side" (Yarraville) and "Bus Stop" (Werribee).

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STIR OF THE WEEK

Is Ross wearing Gabo?

NEXT WEEK

Don't miss a "Star" report on the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

SLOT CAR NEWS

By NEV.

Over the Christmas holidays the Victorian Junior Slot Car Driver Championships will be held by the six remaining slot car tracks in Melbourne.

Entry is free to boys under 16 years and the championship commences on December 11, with the final on January 20.

Daily winners will receive certificates and the five daily winners will race on Saturday morning for a trophy.

The champion of each track (including Altona Mini Raceway) will enter the State finals at the Exhibition Buildings during the Hot Rod Show. Each track champion will be given two \$16 cars free to keep to race with, the outright winner will get a valuable cup with the inscription "Victorian Junior Slot Car Champion 1967."

Newspapers and TV will give coverage.

If you are planning on entering the championships you'd better get that car of yours in shape and pay me a visit as soon as possible.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dances

SATURDAY NIGHT: Battle of the Sounds, Youth Club Hall, Civic-pde., Altona.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Bus Stop 1, Centenary Hall, Werribee.

Drive-in

Showing at the Brooklyn Village Drive-in for one week from Thursday, December 7, will be:

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(X) Ann-Margaret.

LETTERS

A recent letter from a fan of the Eternals has aroused a storm of criticism from fans of the local group, Madame Applebee.

Amongst letters received was the following—

Dear Ron,

I would like to oppose a letter written in your column about a girl named Rhonda, about publicity given to Madame Applebee (formerly Us Motivate). She stated that Eternals should receive no publicity.

I don't think the Eternals should and nor do a lot of other people I know. If the Eternals want these write-ups then don't they work a bit harder to enter a few things like Madame Applebee did (e.g., Hoadley's "Battle of the Sounds" and Altona's "Battle of the Sounds"). A word to the Eternals: "Work up to yourselves, if you want publicity and recognition the great Madame Applebee. You should work harder to enter a few more things they do."

A faithful Madame Applebee fan forever, yours sincerely
PENNI BOARDMAN

Dear Ron,

I disagree with a letter written to you by a girl called Rhonda concerning your publicity on Madame Applebee. I think the Madame Applebee are fabulous and so do their friends.

If the Eternals are as they say they didn't enter Altona "Battle of the Sounds" Hoadley's "Battle of the Sounds" Madame Applebee forever yours sincerely,

ANNETTE MCINTYRE

(RON'S NOTE: For the sake of I feel that I point out the fact that they primarily a 50/50 group therefore were probably eligible for a competition between pop groups. It was this reason that they have received the same amount publicity as some other groups. We hope to feature a letter next week if we make out the writing better now and next week.

TOP TEN

- 1.—To Sir With Love
- 2.—The Last Waltz Engelbert Humperdinck
- 3.—Hush Somebody's In
- 4.—Massachusetts Bee
- 5.—Gimme Little Sign Brenton V
- 6.—The Letter Box
- 7.—Don't Let Your Left Know/My Prayer The Vibr
- 8.—Itchycoo Park Small F
- 9.—Dream Girl Davey J
- 10.—You've Not Changed Sandy S

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ST DEFEAT FOR BOWLERS

Altona Bowling Club's No. 1 suffered its first defeat of the season last Saturday when Kingston (2) won 100-85. Final details are as follows: 1 Team lost to Fleming: No. 2, 100-85—Neilage, Nielsen, R. Don Mathers: 26-22; Whitmore, I. Douglas and Malloy: 1. D. Nettleton, R. Douglas, n and Fisher: 25-23; D. ens, McDonald, Mitchell Russell: 14-32. 2 Team d. Carton No. 3, 9—fts, McMahon, Condon and 38-13; Webster, Wil B. Harrison and Watson: O'Donnell, Probert, Tur and L. Cox: 30-22; Miles, Deegan and Flynn: 22-27. 3 Team lost to Williams: No. 4, 108-91—neycroft, Neal, Craig and 21-28; Dart, Franks, Harrison and Inglis: 21-32; rpe, Brett, Martin and r: 28-26; Blair, J. Cox, An and Burke: 21-22. 4 Team lost to Maribyr- Park No. 2, 102-87—k, D. Nicholls, Carr and 24-17; B. Nicholls, Buck- Richardson and Griffiths: Bartolo, McKellar, Bou- and Abberton: 19-28; Pugs- elly, Eyre and Jemmerston:

NEXT MATCHES
pennant matches for Dec. No. 1 are away to North- No. 3; No. 2 are home to and No. 3; No. 3 are away at home No. 4; and No. 4 at home to Footscray RSL

MIXED RINKS
Sunday some 80 mem- associates and visitors mixed rinks at the club. games of 10 ends were ted. There were four three winners and the play-off ed in a visiting team runners-

winners were Mrs. D. y, Mrs. V. Sevier, Mrs. C. y and Mr. S. Miller; and s-up Mrs. I. Mitchell, Mrs. elsen, Mr. B. Harrison and Nielsen.

T. Burke the club pres- thanked the bowling com- for the organisation and adies for preparing the on tea.

n he presented the trophies gratulated the winners and ed a sincere welcome to itors.

SUMMER DARTS

Western Suburbs Darts As- sociation summer competition re- sults from last week are as be- low—
Bristol Rovers d. Plough B 7-2.
Goodrich d. Plough A 6-3. Prince Albert B d. Prince Albert A 6-3.
Sunshine RSL d. Exchange-5-4.
TONE: K. Harris (Goodrich), 721; J. Darburn (Goodrich), 138; D. Walker (Plough A), 137; J. Taylor (Plough A), 100; T. Bourke (Plough A), 100.
FINAL SERIES
The preliminary final will be played on Wednesday, Decem- ber 13, at the Altona Working Men's Club, and the grand final on Monday, December 18 at the same venue.

1968 STATE TEAM ROUND ROBIN

Last weekend, December 2 and 3, Sunraysia Darts League journeyed to Melbourne to play all other metropolitan leagues in the Round Robin. The total number of games won by players to date are—

MOUNTAIN: R. Barclay 13, T. Butters 21, H. Butters 21, J. Davies 23, E. Gummer 22, J. Gregory 18, D. Williams 13.

WESTERN SUBURBS: J. Can- dish 1, F. Condon 20, M. Ellis 22, L. Hitch 1, E. Healy 24, F. Oataway 8, T. Rogers 18.

HOSPITAL: A. Harris 1, L. Hide 14, J. Jeffries 14, R. Robin- son 7, T. Taylor 4, R. Wright 6.

METROPOLITAN: B. Ber- ling 5, B. Conlan 7, M. Candy 9, D. Maddox 5, R. Smith 12, W. Wood 5.

MELBOURNE: H. Howells 11, I. Roberts 9.

The contest is now becoming very interesting with six more rounds to play.

On Saturday, December 16, Western Suburbs play Melbourne and Hospital Leagues.

During the weekend F. Oata- way (Western Suburbs) threw a one eighty.

KOORINGAL GOLF ASSOCIATES

Canadian Foursomes (18 holes) was played by Kooringal Golf Club Associates on Tuesday, November 28, and results are as follows—

GROSS: Mrs. K. Collins and Mrs. S. Wilson, 84.

NET: Mrs. L. Cox and Mrs. E. McIntire, 62½.

PUTTING: Mrs. A. Stewart and Mrs. A. Kane, 30 putts.

NINE OUT: Mrs. N. Page and Mrs. C. Kennedy, 30½ net.

NINE IN: Mrs. O. Clancy and Mrs. M. Clancy, 26½ net.

Altona North High 1967 House Awards

Altona North High School House Awards are given each year to boys and girls who excel in one or more spheres of House activity. These awards are in- tended to show recognition of such an achievement.

There are two types of Awards —Full Award and Half Award. The Award is a band featuring the House colour with the initials showing for what the Award has been made.

Gold lettering indicates a Full Award. Silver lettering indi- cates a Half Award.

These are awarded to both senior and junior students in the House, but the emphasis will be on seniors, and only a limited number will be given each year.

This year's Awards were pre- sented as a school assembly, by Mr. John Jillard, Footscray's half-back flanker and a member of the recent Australian Rules Football team (the "Galahs") that toured Ireland and the United States promoting Australia Rules Football.

(HA, Half Award; FA, Full Award; ATHS, Athletics; SQ, Squash; HS, House Service; XVIII, Football; IV, Tennis; XI, Cricket; SW, Swimming; AC, Academics; VB, Volleyball; CC, Cross Country; SB, Softball.)

CORINTHIAN HOUSE AWARDS

SB: R. Zoet, HA; HS: N. Szkolny, FA; AC: A. Stachiw, HA; ATHS: D. Heazlewood, HA; R. Zoet, HA; VB: D. Keunecke, HA; A. Stachiw, HA; K. Sirac, HA; L. Strogonow, HA (senior and junior girls' volleyball team undefeated throughout the year); ATHS: D. Holdsworth, FA; R. Wood, FA; A. Frost, FA; HS: R. Wood, FA; XI: A. Durbridge, HA; R. Wood, FA; XVIII: T. Williams, HA; SW: R. Wood, HA; I. Duddy, HA; AC: I. Duddy, HA; CC: D. Holdsworth, FA; A. Frost, HA; C. Rowe, HA.

ATHENIAN HOUSE AWARDS

HS: E. Bednarek, FA; ATHS: B. Bolger, FA; SW: K. Harley, FA; CC: S. Cope, HA; VB: L. Barnard, HA; G. Dries, HA; L. Brundrett, HA.

SPARTAN GIRLS HOUSE AWARDS

HS: A. Honeyman, FA; CC: P. James, HA; V. Madox, HA; B. Bibby, HA; M. Kolacek, HA; S. Wilson, HA; ATHS: P. James, HA; K. Honeyman, FA; V. Madox, FA; SW: P. James, HA; Y. Privett, FA.

TROJAN HOUSE AWARDS

HS: J. Robertson, FA; ATHS: J. Robertson, FA; SW: R. Pratt, FA.

WESTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Three premiership pennants were presented at the Western Suburban Football League's annual presentation night re- cently.

When accepting the flag for the undefeated Altona Under-18 team, Mrs. MacFadyen (pres- ident) said it was indeed a pleasure to receive the pennant, but she would have preferred the flag to have been won under different circumstances (Altona won the grand final on a walk- over when the Werribee team refused to play).

Pennants in Open Age competi- tion were won by Maidstone and the Under 16 by Werribee.

Among the guests at the pre- sentation were Cr. A. K. Knight, MLC, Mr. W. L. Floyd, MLA, Altona shire president Cr. H. W. Lee, Cr. L. Hoffmann (represent- ing the Mayor of Williamstown), Cr. F. Gibson (of Werribee Shire Council) and Mr. M. Mason, Sen., of Werribee.

All clubs were represented, with the exception of the Werri- bee Under-18 and Junior Football Club.

During the evening two of the best and fairest award winners were introduced.

Graham Dixon, captain and coach of Laverton, won the senior trophy.

For the second season Dennis Vanstone received the Under-18 award.

The successful Under-16 player, Jim Buckley (of West Newport) was not present due to exam studies.

Keith Murrell, of the Central Altona team tied with Dixon for the Open Age award, but lost on a countback.

Altona and Werribee Under-18 team both recently applied for transfers from the Western Suburban Football League and both requests have been re- fused.

The Victorian Football Union's decision probably means the Werribee teams will disband. The Werribee Junior Football Club is said to be determined to leave the WSFL after the incident-packed 1967 season.

It is considered unlikely that the club will continue with the League.



WHAT'S BITING?

Bob Woods, of 4 Maher Rd., Laverton, has won the 500 yards of nylon line donated by Ken Kim for the largest snapper caught before the end of Novem- ber.

Bob's catch weighed 19½lb. and he can collect his prize from Ken Kim's Pier-st. Sports Store.

Reports to hand indicate that the snapper have returned and are now in quite close to the shore.

J. Osborne was reported to have caught 10 up to 12lb. about three miles out.

A new competition will start immediately and run through till the end of January for the largest flathead caught off Al- тона.

The prize will once again be 500 yards of nylon line, donated by Ken Kim.

Intending entrants must have their fish weighed in at Ken Kim's to be eligible for the prize.

TIDE TABLE

High and low tides at Williams- town are as follows—

December	HIGH		LOW	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
7 Thurs.	7.20	6.31	12.30	1.14
8 Fri.	7.58	7.22	1.13	1.59
9 Sat.	8.35	8.15	1.55	2.43
10 Sun.	9.12	9.12	2.37	3.27
11 Mon.	9.51	10.16	3.20	4.15
12 Tues.	10.32	11.25	4.09	5.10
13 Wed.	11.16	—	5.07	6.13
14 Thurs.	12.37	12.01	6.16	7.16

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CRICKET REPORT

A GRADE TURF

Robert Dare made a brilliant debut for Altona by taking 8/21 for the match. He was backed up by John Duncan, who took 5/28 in Altona's outright win in one day over Newport Footballers.

The only other reportable item was that the poor batting, due mainly to inexperience by the Footballers allowed the game to finish in one day for an outright win to Altona.

But by the good form starting to be shown in the last two games by some players of the Altona side, with Young and Page again being available, all goes well for the rest of the season.

FOOTBALLERS—1st inns.:

HENWOOD, run out	3
SODERSTROM, c, b Dare	0
DOOLEY, b Dare	0
ROBINSON, b Duncan	0
BOOTH, c, b Dare	7
DURBRIDGE, not out	17
WENDT, b Dare	7
MOODY, b Dare	0
BOBURKA, c, b Dare	1
PATTERSON, c, b Duncan	1
RICH, c, b Runcan	2
Sundries	6

TOTAL: 44

BOWLING: R. Dare 6/18, J. Duncan 3/20.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

COONEY, b Wendt	19
THOMAS, not out	20
DOUGLAS, c, b Durbridge	0
HOSKEN, not out	18
Sundries	14

TOTAL: Two dec. for 71
BOWLING: T. Durbridge 1/15, G. Wendt 1/21, N. Moody 0/21.

FOOTBALLERS—2nd inns.:

HENWOOD, lbw, b Dare	6
DURBRIDGE, c, b Duncan	0
WENDT, c, b Dare	1
ROBINSON, b Dellar	1
DOOLEY, b Duncan	0
SODERSTROM, b Dellar	3
RICH, b T. Gray	1
MOODY, b Dellar	4
PATTERSON, stpd., b T. Gray	2
BOBURKA, lbw, b T. Gray	0
BOOTH, not out	16
Sundries	0

TOTAL: 34
BOWLING: T. Gray 3/9, J. Dellar 3/14, R. Dare 2/3, J. Duncan 2/8.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

COONEY, not out	11
THOMAS, not out	3
Sundries	0

TOTAL: No wicket for 14
BOWLING: S. Booth 0/6, L. Dooley 0/8.

B GRADE TURF

Altona B Grade at home to Spotswood Imperials will need all batsmen in top form to win on the first innings.

Spotswood, winning the toss and electing to bat on a good wicket, which with the dry outfield, promised high scoring.

Graeme Cox of Altona broke the opening partnership early, but Spotswood's coach, Glen Reimers, soon settled Altona's ideas of gaining quick wickets with a fine hand of 84, which included 11 fours and two sixes. Glen had good support from Kelaart with a solid 51.

Altona struggled towards the end of the day. McCullagh was brought into the attack and he finished Spotswood off, taking 3/5 to take the bowling honours.

Altona needed to bat for 35 minutes to finish the day. Both openers were lost, but with Forrester and Joyce batting well Altona played out to start next Saturday with the score at 2/34.

SPOTSWOOD—1st inns.:

R. REIMERS, b Cox	2
WILLIAMS, c, b Conradi	9
G. REIMERS, c, b Harrison	84
GLAZENER, lbw, b Michael	13
MAHER, lbw, b Michael	1
KELAART, not out	51
LEE, c, b McCullagh	8
VALENTINE, lbw, b McCullagh	0
RAYMER, c, b Cox	1
COUCH, c, b Conradi	21
POULIER, c, b McCullagh	3
Sundries	8

TOTAL: 201
BOWLING: R. McCullagh 3/5, D. Cox 2/35, N. Michael 2/41, R. Conradi 2/58, R. Harrison 1/33.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

CAMILLERI, lbw, b Poulier	0
McCULLAGH, b Raymer	1
FORRESTER, not out	10
JOYCE, not out	20
Sundries	3

TOTAL: Two wickets for 34
BOWLING: A. Raymer 1/10, P. Poulier 1/13.

ALTONA UNDER-16

On Saturday, December 2, Altona was host to Newport ANA at Seaholme Primary School.

Newport won the toss and elected to bat, Horton taking strike to the bowling of Ian McCudden. The first over yielded five runs and then Kevin Flett took up the attack and bowled a really good opening over.

Disaster struck ANA off the first ball of the second over when Horton, attempted a drive and was brilliantly caught by Greg Crichley fielding at point. This was a valuable wicket at this lad plays in the ANA A Grade team as opening batsman. Altona continued to bowl and field extremely well and when the last wicket fell Newport had the modest total of 123 runs.

Altona's innings began by Ian McCudden taking a single off the bowling of Harry Bunting, and then Kevin Flett glanced two boundaries on the leg side, both of which were good shots.

However, off the last ball he got an edge and was caught by the 'keeper.

McCudden hit the first ball of the second over for four, the second for two and the third for yet another four and Altona's score was 1/19 off the eleventh ball bowled. A single off the seventh and a four to Crichley and Altona were 1/23.

Bunting at the other end was a different proposition. McCudden received a kicker, which flew high to point who accepted the catch. Crichley was next to go, being bowled. He was quickly followed by Tony Paone, who couldn't handle the pace, and then David Chalmers was unexpectedly bowled by Fletcher and Altona's score ended at 5/40.

More concentrated batting will be needed next Saturday to overcome Newport ANA's total.

NEWPORT ANA—1st inns.:

HORTON, c, b McCudden	5
FLETCHER, c, b Flett	29
KELLY, b Crichley	11
HUGHES, b Flett	3
H. BUNTING, b Flett	26
BRIGHT, c, b Flett	0
SMITH, c, b Scholl	6
R. BUNTING, b Flett	2
WILLIAMS, c, b Scholl	14
DYSON, b Flett	10
T. SMITH, not out	0
Sundries	18

TOTAL: 123
BOWLING: K. Flett 6/29, Scholl 2/19.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

FLETT, c, b H. Bunting	8
McCUDDEN, c, b H. Bunting	12
CRICHEY, b H. Bunting	7
CHALMERS, b Fletcher	10
PAONE, b H. Bunting	2
BENNETT, not out	0
Sundries	1

TOTAL: Five wickets for 40
BOWLING: H. Bunting 4/15, Fletcher 1/24.

SUNSHINE'S DART CUP

Sunshine RSL Darts team gained their first trophy when they won the Clarrie McNeillage Charity Cup.

Sunshine beat Goodrich 5-4 in the final at the Bristol Hotel last week.

Joe Stenta (S) defeated J. Lynch (G) to win the first singles and take an early lead for Sunshine.

George Hartley (G) defeated K. Russell (S) to even the score.

Bill Woodburn (S) then downed Ron Loversidge (G) to regain the lead.

John Payne (S), with a dazzling nine darts win in the first leg, scoring 140 start, 45 and throwing out in three darts for 116—failed to keep up the good darts and lost to J. Whiffin (G).

Bill Booker (S, Capt.) took the fifth singles game when he defeated Ken Harris (G).

However, John Darburn (G) brought the singles to three each when he defeated J. Holmes.

In the doubles Sunshine broke through to win the first two, thus giving them the match.

Highest scores of 140 were thrown by J. Stenta, B. Woodburn and J. Payne of Sunshine. R. Loversidge (G) 126, J. Payne (S) 116, J. Lynch (G) 101, J. Stenta, B. Woodburn, W. Booker J. Lynch and R. Loversidge, all 100's, were other high scorers.

CHURCH CRICKET SCORES

The fifth round of matches in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association was commenced last Saturday and generally batsmen had by far the better of the duels with the bowlers.

Some very high team scores, four over 200, were registered, and very few bowlers had impressive figures.

The biggest highlight of the round was the performances of Barkly-st. Methodist batsmen, three of whom gained unbeaten centuries. Stephen Smith (under 16) made 111 n.o., Leon Bates 109 n.o., and Ken Kennedy 100 n.o. for the seniors.

Other high scorers included Neil Pedretti 91, Lally 72, Geo. Curwood 71, Elley 71, McTaggart 70 n.o., Dennis Garde 68, Johnson 62 n.o., Beard 61, Rowe 58, Ern Neville 58, Stone 56, Byers 57 n.o., Alan Cocks 50.

Only bowlers to have any effect were Berryman 8/63, Treadwell 6/55, Merry 5/28 and Noel Manton 5/43.

Scores from the days play are as follows—

A GRADE

YARRAVILLE v. BARKLY-ST. 1/259 (Bates 109 n.o., Kennedy 100 n.o., Bohmer 20). Yarraville will have their hands full to avoid defeat here.

WILLIAMSTOWN 92 (Boucher 19, Leach 19, Ross 4/25, Keeping 2/4) v. TOTTENHAM 4/105 (A. McNiece 31, Keeping 28, L. Murray 32 n.o.). Tottenham are certain to try to win this outright, but the Congs. are sure to give a hard fight.

SEDDON 4/59 (R. Manton 26, Duncan 18 n.o., W. Anderson 3/7) v. KINGSVILLE 112 (W. Anderson 29, G. Jackson 3/23). The finish of this match will be most interesting as the result could go either way.

ST. ANDREW'S 2/116 (Rowe 58, Pedretti 91) v. NEWPORT 113 (A. Cocks 50, I. Cocks 28, G. Homewood 4/45, R. Homewood 4/13). Newport may have a battle on their hands to avoid losing this match outright.

B GRADE

NORTH W'TOWN 3/216 (Elley 71 n.o., E. Neville 58, W. Neville 45) have scored very heavily against MAIDSTONE and should have sufficient to finish in front.

NEWPORT 0/30 (Duggan 21 n.o.) have the job ahead to catch YARRAVILLE 256 (Curwood 71, Lally 72, Huntington 39, Whittle 16 n.o., Treadwell 6/55).

WILLIAMSTOWN 107 (Connell 34, Brewer 26, Grimmett 21, Meares 3/31, Merry 5/28) do not appear to have made enough to keep in front of PAISLEY-ST., who are 0/16.

C GRADE

St. Eanswythe's, for the third match in a row, topped the 200. This time against Kingsville.

They scored 249, which was an excellent performance considering Alec Merrill, St. Eanswythe's top run scorer for the season, was on the sidelines due to injury.

Nine of St. Eanswythe's batsmen reached double figures, with Dennis Garde (68) and Brian Garde (37) taking the batting honours.

Late in the afternoon Ian Haskell, and "Mantis" Tyrell removed the two Kingsville opening batsmen for only 31 runs.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.:

B. GARDE, b Brookenshaw	37
MORTON, run out	15
D. GARDE, c, b Brookenshaw	68
HOLDEN, b White	6
PRICE, c, b McInnes	18
CARTON, run out	15
STEPHENSON, lbw, b McInnes	10
COURTOT, b D. Just	21
WYNANDS, c, b D. Just	18
TYRELL, c, b D. Just	13
HASKELL, not out	16
Sundries (7b, 1lb, 14nb)	22

TOTAL: 249
BOWLING: D. Just 3/31, W. Brookshaw 2/43, McInnes 2/57, J. White 1/24, G. Just 0/72.

Kingsville Baptists—1st inns.:

McINNES, b Tyrell	15
G. JUST, b Haskell	0
D. JUST, not out	4
BROOKSHAW, not out	10
Sundries (2nb)	2

TOTAL: Two wickets for 31
BOWLING: P. Tyrell 1/13, I. Haskell 1/16.

KINGSVILLE 165 (R. Beard 61, A. McNair 23 n.o., Smalley 4/46) should have an interesting match with ST. ANDREW'S 0/16.

BALLARAT-RD. collapsed for only 77 (McGillivray 22, R. Anear 17, N. Manton 5/43, Comben 4/31) and their opponents, SEDDON, are already in front making 130 (Manallack 29, Hammond 20, Berryman 8/63).

ALL SAINTS failed badly to be only 6/31 (Maynard 4/12) in reply to NEWPORT'S 150 (L. Treadwell 36, I. Dougall 28, Maynard 26, Booker 4/26, Carruthers 4/14).

JUNIOR NORTH SECTION

ST. ANDREW'S have got themselves into a lot of trouble with BARKLY-ST. 2/173 (Smith 111 n.o., DeMedici 34).

BALLARAT-RD. 3/28 (West 3/11) have failed against MAIDSTONE who made 117 (Stone 56, West 22, Starford 4/33).

TOTTENHAM 110 (Watson 25, Simmons 30, White 23, Paradowski 3/6, Cass 3/28) seem to have the game against KINGSVILLE 5/57 (Brown 26, Watson 5/18) well in hand.

ALL SAINTS 5/58 (Long 29, Taylor 4/30) have sneaked in front of YARRAVILLE 56 (C. Wall 18, Taylor 15, Long 4/22, Cope 2/8).

JUNIOR SOUTH SECTION

St. Eanswythe's are in a good position to defeat Altona Presbyterians after the first day's play.

In Altona's first innings they could only manage 23 runs.

St. Eanswythe's replied by declaring at 0/41 after only four overs.

In Altona's second innings they were 6/45 at stumps, meaning a 27-run lead with only four second innings wickets in hand.

Altona Pres.—1st inns.:

McKINNEY, b Chatfield	8
HAYSEY, c, b Chatfield	1
HITCHCOCK, b Grant	3
JENSEN, b Chatfield	0
MOYLAN, b Grant	4
BAWDEN, stpd., b Stephenson	3
D. WILSON, lbw, b B. Garde	0
T. BOWES, c, b Stephenson	0
A. WILSON, c, b B. Garde	0
A. BOWES, not out	0
SWIFT, b Stephenson	2
Sundries (1lb, 1nb)	2

TOTAL: 23

BOWLING: S. Chatfield 3/2, G. Stephenson 3/4, B. Garde 2/1, B. Grant 2/14.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.:

B. GARDE, not out	18
MORTON, not out	16
Sundries (7b)	7

TOTAL: No wickets dec. for 41
BOWLING: D. Hitchcock 0/16, L. McKinney 0/18.

Altona Pres.—2nd inns.:

McKINNEY, b Grant	2
HITCHCOCK, b Grant	14
D. WILSON, b Grant	3
HAYSEY, not out	18
JENSEN, c&b Chatfield	4
MOYLAN, b Chatfield	4
BAWDEN, c, b Chatfield	0
T. BOWES, not out	0
Sundries	0

TOTAL: Six wickets for 45
BOWLING: S. Chatfield 3/16, B. Grant 3/17, B. Garde 0/12.

ST. STEPHEN'S 1/4 lost an early wicket in their chase after ELECTRA-ST. No. 1, 4/183 dec. (McTaggart 70 n.o., Byers 57 n.o.).

ELECTRA-ST. No. 2, 30 (Quinn 14, Jones 7/14) look like going down to NEWPORT 1/111 dec. (Johnston 62 n.o., Jones 17, Parson 19 n.o.).

NORTH W'TOWN 0/29 are well on the way to catching JOHNSTON-ST. 58 (N. Temby 17, Thatcher 4/13, Williams 3/10).

KOORINGAL GOLF SCORES

Saturday's medal bogey at Koorringal Golf Club resulted as follows—

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B GRADE: B. Keane (13), square
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The Pro's Competition on Sunday (stableford) saw the following result—
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USE WATER WISELY

Experts at the Victorian Department of Agriculture this week gave the following advice to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works on plant survival.

Forget your lawns and annuals and concentrate on keeping trees and shrubs alive . . . this is the main advice to drought-stricken Melbourne suburban gardeners following a total ban on hosing.

The Department gave a long list of hints to help gardeners keep their most important plants alive during the summer dry.

"Unless you have a private water source, you will not be able to keep everything in your garden alive until autumn," a spokesman said. "You can't hope to keep your lawn alive unless there is rain. Most lawns have already got as bad as they will get this summer and they will probably sprout again in autumn with no great ill effects except weeds."

The spokesman advised suburban gardeners to concentrate only on their perennial plants, shrubs and trees which would take years to replace.

"It is possible to keep these alive with a minimum of water used scientifically. Because of the total ban on hosing, you will have to carry every drop of water to your plants, so see that every drop counts."

The Department of Agriculture gave these hints to make a little water go a long way when watering trees and shrubs:

- Dig a saucer-shaped hollow around trees and shrubs piling the dirt up in a water retaining rim around the tree;

- Pierce the soil at the base of shrubs and trees with a pronged fork so that water will go straight to the root zone;

- Cover the "saucer" with a mulch to prevent evaporation. Black polythene is most effective, but you can use anything from sawdust to newspapers;

- Water occasionally, but well, making sure that the water is only absorbed by the ground where the root zone is situated;

- With some shrubs, such as azaleas, it is better to put a length of agricultural pipe into the ground and pour water into that.

- Waste washing water will not harm plants as long as you don't use a soap powder containing borax.

The Department says that shrubs with broad, flat leaves need most water. "Native trees with small, hard leaves will survive, so don't pamper them. Native trees are only lost by over-watering in previous years, then suddenly leaving them to fend for themselves in a dry year."

Giving advice on plant survival generally, agricultural scientist, Mr. M. N. Kinsella says that the amount of water applied to a plant each time should be just enough to wet the root zone. If more water than is needed is applied, it will drain through the soil and be wasted. If too much is applied, it may waterlog the soil and damage the root system.

Many gardeners, however, do not apply enough water at any one time. Many merely sprinkle the garden in the evening. While this freshens up the foliage and washes off the dust, it only wets the top few inches of soil and may not even reach the root system.

Shallow watering encourages the development of roots in the topsoil, where they easily dry out because of evaporation.

Frequency of watering depends on soil type, the crop and weather conditions. To keep plants alive on a hot windy day, requires much more water — but you can cut this loss down by using mulches to prevent evaporation. Different soils hold different amounts of

water. Clay and loam soils have smaller particles than sandy soils and will hold much more water. Soils rich in organic matter will also hold more water.

In general, 1½" of water applied to sandy soil will wet it to a depth of 2 ft. The same amount of water will wet a loam soil to almost 1 ft. and clay to 9 ins. Thus there is much more water in the top foot of clay soil than in the same depth of sandy soil.

Mr. Kinsella says that when watering you must take into account water availability, soil type, weather conditions and plant type, and root zone depth.

"Some plants have a deeper root system than others and can make use of water that goes deeper into the soil. Tomatoes and pumpkins are examples of vegetables with deep roots. The roots of these vegetables have been found at 6 ft., and in shallow soils they go down to three feet. Surface watering is wasteful here . . . You must get the water to the root zone without loss. Soak it through loose soil to the root zone and use plenty of mulch to prevent evaporation. Plants like lettuces with shallow root systems need less water more frequently," Mr. Kinsella said.

He said a covering of polythene with right-angled slits for small plants could retain water in the top soil for more than a week of hot, dry weather.

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THAT the Council of the Shire of Altona borrows the principal sum of \$100,000 secured by a charge over the General Rates of the Municipality such sum to be raised by the grant of a mortgage in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1958:—

The maximum rate of interest that may be paid is 5.75 per centum per annum.

The purposes for which the loan is to be applied are:—

(a) Drainage Works—Altona North Recreation Reserve.....	\$38,000
(b) Hockey Pavilion—Grant Reserve, Altona.....	\$20,000
(c) Road Works—Chambers Road, McArthur's Road to Barnes Road, Part Cost.....	\$42,000
	\$100,000

The period of the loan shall be ten years. The loan shall be repaid by providing out of the Municipal Fund twenty half-yearly instalments of approximately \$6644.14 each including principal and interest on the 30th day of May and the 30th day of November during the currency of the loan. The first instalment shall be payable on the 30th day of May, 1968.

Such money shall be repayable at the office of the Commonwealth Savings Bank, Melbourne.

And further, that confirmation of this Order be made an Order of the Day for the Council Meeting to be held on December 11, 1967.

JAMES W. WATERS, Shire Secretary.

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JAMES W. WATERS, Shire Secretary.

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WOODS.—On Dec. 4, 1967, Lily Graham, dearly loved wife of the late Charles and loved mother of Jean (Mrs. Erikson) Gordon Harold and Theo, aged 87. In God's Care.

WOODS.—On Dec. 4, 1967, Lily Graham, dearly loved nana of Patricia and Syd, and loved great nana of Dale. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

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HARRINGTON.—In memory of my dear wife, Alice May, passed away Dec. 5, 1966. Always remembered, Husband Tom.

HARRINGTON, Alice May.—In loving memory of Nan, passed away Dec. 5, 1966. Inserted by her loving son Tom, and his family.

WHELAN, Walter W.—In memory of our wonderful father, who died Dec. 1966. John, Lorna, Walter.

WHELAN, Walter W.—In loving memory of my dear husband, passed away Dec. 7, 1966. Always in my thoughts. Margaret.

THANKS

Mrs. ERIKSON and her daughter, Mrs. Matthews, wish to thank all their kind friends and relatives for their kindness to their mother and nana. Special thanks to Dr. Frajman, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Ivory, Mrs. Izer, Mrs. Baldwin and others.

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